Funds for implementation of National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Programme

1025. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa State has demanded release of funds for implementation of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Programme;

(b) if so, what is the status of the proposal;

(c) whether the State Government has also sought heat wave and lightening strikes to be declared natural calamities so that the affected persons could be compensated; and

(d) if so, what is the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority had requested for release of funds for preparation of investment proposals under the proposed National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project. Accordingly, funds have been sanctioned to Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority for the project preparation activities.

(c) and (d) It is mentioned in the report of the Twelfth Finance Commission that Orissa and two other States had suggested declaration of 'heat and cold waves' and Haryana had suggested declaration of 'lightening' as natural calamities for the purpose of providing relief under the Calamity Relief Fund and the National Calamity Contingency Fund. The Twelfth Finance Commission however recommended that besides cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood and hailstorm, the definition of natural calamity, as applicable at present, may be extended to cover landslides, avalanches, cloudburst and pest attacks.

Tips to U.P. Government about Ram Janam Bhoomi Temple

1026. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOMEAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given tips to Uttar Pradesh